

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No.: 10/567,499  
Filing Date: February 7, 2006  
Applicant: Yue Ma, et al.  
Group Art Unit: 2624  
Examiner: Aaron W. Carter  
Title: Automatic Image Cropping System and Method for Use  
with Portable Devices Equipped with Digital Cameras  
Attorney Docket: 9432-000246/NPB

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Commissioner for Patents  
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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 21, 2006, please amend the application as follows and consider the remarks set forth below.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 10 of this paper.